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**Sent:** 11/14/2022 3:41:31 PM  
**To:** Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Sullivan, Melissa [sullivan.melissa@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: ITC Deer Park Inquiry — Public Health Watch - Reporter questions

Hi George,

Here are questions from the reporter. Thanks!

Hi Shayla,

Thanks for the speedy response. I hope your morning is going great. Absolutely — more information below:

**Story deadline:** 11/29

**Sample questions:**

- What first drew your attention to ITC/lead to the facility's inspection in 2012? Essentially, what compelled Region 6 to visit the facility that fall?
- Had you been out to ITC before? Or was it your first time there?
- The inspection report is very detailed, but I'm hoping to better understand what your experience on the ground was like. What was your process like during the inspection? What kind of tools did you use (FLIR cameras, etc.)? I'm hoping to, from a narrative perspective, understand what it's like to be a part of one of those inspections.
- The inspection notes potentially high emissions from a number of tanks. Can you contextualize these findings in any way for me? I'm just hoping to better understand the scale/severity of these emissions (since there are so many factors that go into measuring them), what you + your team were seeing, etc.
- Your team also saw high emission levels at Vopak, correct? How did those compare with those found at ITC, in terms of scale, scope, and frequency?
- Who was your team's main contact at ITC at the time?
- Looking back, what stood out to you most about the facility and inspection? Any takeaways that stick out in your mind?

Please let me know if you need any clarification on these, Shayla, or if there are specific inquiries you have concerns about. I'm happy to flesh them out or simplify them.

Thanks again,  
David

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Melissa and Shayla,

Could one of you contact the reporter at the bottom of this email chain to get him to work through OPA. He reached out directly to one of our staff. If he could provide some questions, that would help us figure out next steps. Thanks,  
George

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Hi Pat and George,

I received a press inquiry regarding an inspection I conducted at Intercontinental Terminal Company's facility in Deer Park when I worked in the EPA Region 6 office. Please let me know how I should respond.

-Dan

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Good afternoon Mr. Hoyt,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is David Leffler and I'm a reporter with Public Health Watch — a nonprofit, nonpartisan news organization focused on threats to America's well-being.

I'm reaching out because I'm currently working on a story looking back at the 2019 fire at the Intercontinental Terminal Company's facility in Deer Park, Texas. Specifically, I'm hoping to better understand the facility's culture and history, including past violations and similar aspects of EPA and TCEQ oversight. I came across your inspection of the facility in the fall of 2012 (which has been very helpful) and am interested in learning more about your experience there.

I'm not sure in what capacity you can speak with me about this matter, but if at all possible, I'd love to tell you more about this project and how your past inspection ties in. Even if it's just on background, I'd appreciate any input and insight you can provide.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration here, Mr. Hoyt. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns that I can help address.

Best regards,  
David Leffler  
512-947-6436

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**David Leffler**  
Reporter

